



MEMORANDUM

TO: Director's of Special Education

FROM: Sharon Knoth, Acting Director of Special Education

DATE: April 14, 2009

SUBJECT: Stimulus Application and Webcast

As Dr. Tony Bennett notified each Superintendent and local Director of Special Education last week, the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) has laid forth an aggressive agenda to distribute stimulus dollars provided under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act or ARRA. To access materials and information on the ARRA including the Part B, IDEA, Stimulus Funding Application available from the IDOE please visit <http://www.doe.in.gov/stimulus/>

Special education dollars under the ARRA will follow the same distribution as all other dollars under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (or IDEA '04). To help clarify this process the IDOE is offering a webcast on Friday, April 17, 2009 from 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon Eastern Daylight Time.

To access the webcast go to: <http://media.doe.in.gov/live/2009-04-17-SpecEd.html>. Prior to as well as during the webcast, questions may be emailed to SKnoth@doe.in.gov. We will make every effort to ensure your questions are answered quickly. The Webcast will also be available on the IDOE website for future viewing. The webcast will last approximately one hour and will include a presentation and time for question and answers.

The Indiana Department of Education will be streaming a live video test feed on Wednesday and Thursday – April 15th and 16th. It is highly suggested you test the computer you plan to use to access the webcast beforehand; oftentimes schools have firewall settings that need to be modified in order to access the webcast. If you are having trouble viewing the test feed on Wednesday and/or Thursday, please seek assistance from your technology support team before contacting IDOE as they know more about your specific computer and network capabilities. There will also be technical support information on the web page.

A Power Point will be available on the web page Friday morning for you to download before the presentation.